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SUBJECT: VISIT TO STOCKHOLM BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

1. CONTACTS AT MFA TOLD DCM THAT SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV WOULD BE VISITING STOCKHOLM WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 FOR REGULAR PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION.

2. JAN LUNDAVIK, HEAD OF FIRST DEPARTMENT MFA, SAID TALKS WOULD COVER USUAL RANGE OF UNGA TOPICS, WITH RUMORS THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE PLUGGING SOME NEW DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE (OLD WINE IN NEW BOTTLE, HE SAID). ASKED ABOUT KOREA, LUNDAVIK SAID SWEDISH IMPRESSION WAS THAT SOVIETS WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE RECKLESS PROCLIVITIES OF THEIR NORTH KOREAN FRIENDS AND HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT LINE THEY WOULD TAKE WITH SWEDES RE UNGA DEBATE. MOST SOVIET POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS WERE EXPECTED TO BE STANDARD ONE'S.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION DR. STELLAN BOHM, MFA'S LEADING SOVIET SPECIALIST, SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION ZEMSKOV WAS A COMER IN SOVIET MFA AND WAS RUMORED TO BE A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO KUZNETSOV.

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